

# Indonesian Verbs

If you're trying to learn **Indonesian Verbs** which is also called Bahasa Indonesia, check our courses about **Verbs in the present past and future tense**... to help you with your **Indonesian grammar**. Try to concentrate on the lesson and notice the pattern that occurs each time the word changes its place. Also don't forget to check the rest of our other lessons listed on [Learn Indonesian](#). Enjoy the rest of the lesson!

## Indonesian Verbs

Learning the **Indonesian Verbs** is very important because its structure is used in every day conversation. The more you master it the more you get closer to mastering the Indonesian language. But first we need to know what the role of Verbs is in the structure of the grammar in Indonesian.

Indonesian verbs are words that convey action (bring, read, walk, run), or a state of being (exist, stand). In most languages a verb may agree with the person, gender, and/or number of some of its arguments, such as its subject, or object.

Verbs in Indonesian are easy to learn. Unlike those in English, Indonesian verbs have no tenses. Verbs are retaining their original form regardless of time used in sentence.

**Example:**

I am reading book = saya sedang membaca buku

In this example, we use the word "sedang" to inform that the reading is take place right now. The verb "membaca" retain its original form.

**More examples:**

Saya bekerja	I work
Saya sedang bekerja	I am working
Saya sudah bekerja	I have worked I have worked I had worked I have been working I had been working
Saya akan bekerja	I will work I will be working I will have worked

Indonesian does not have the verb 'to be'. It's similar to the Indonesian word 'adalah', but in most cases it's simply omitted.

**Example:**

He is a teacher = Dia (adalah) seorang guru.

This is her book = Ini (adalah) bukunya.

You can omit the word 'adalah' in informal cases. In case of adjectives or passive sentence, 'adalah' MUST be omitted.

**Example:**

She is beautiful = Dia cantik

I am called = Saya dipanggil

Indonesian verbs also have connotation. There are several words to express something, depending on the subjects.

**Example:**

The English word "die".

Mati	(natural sense, usually used on animal)
Gugur	a hero/soldier who died on duty/war)
Mangkat	A king, emperor, president, etc
Meninggal dunia	An ordinary men, die because of illness.
Wafat	An ordinary men, die because of age
Tewas	People die in accident, murder, suicide, and any un-natural cause.
Mampus	Bad guy, such as robber or thief shot down by policeman.

If you're new to Indonesian and don't know what to say, just simply use the natural word.

Verbs are mostly used with prefixes and suffixes. In our previous examples, there are words "membaca" and "bekerja".

Membaca (to read) = me+baca  
Bekerja (to work) = be+kerja

in informal cases , "baca" and "kerja" can be used directly without prefix.

**Example:**

English = Dad is reading a newspaper

Informal = Bapak sedang baca koran  
Formal = Bapak sedang membaca koran

Prefixes and suffixes are said to be one of the hardest things when learning Indonesian. There were many of them; each with many slight transformations depends on the following or followed letter. Moreover, some prefixes must be combined with certain suffixes when they are used with certain words. We'll learn about prefix and suffix in separated material.

Here are some other examples:

English Verbs	Indonesian Verbs
Verbs	Kata kerja
Past	Lalu
I spoke	Aku berbicara
I wrote	Aku menulis
I drove	Aku mengemudi
I loved	Aku mencintai
I gave	Aku memberikan
I smiled	Aku tersenyum
I took	Aku mengambil
he spoke	ia berbicara
he wrote	ia menulis
he drove	ia menyetir
he loved	dia mencintai
he gave	ia memberi
he smiled	dia tersenyum
he took	ia mengambil
we spoke	kami bicara
we wrote	kami menulis
we drove	kami mengendarai
we loved	kami mencintai
we gave	kami memberikan
we smiled	kita tersenyum
we took	kami mengambil
Future	Masa depan
I will speak	Aku akan berbicara
I will write	Aku akan menulis
I will drive	Aku akan mendorong
I will love	Aku akan mencintai
I will give	Aku akan memberikan
I will smile	Aku akan tersenyum
I will take	Aku akan mengambil
he will speak	ia akan berbicara
he will write	ia akan menulis
he will drive	ia akan mengendarai
he will love	ia akan mencintai
he will give	ia akan memberikan
he will smile	dia akan tersenyum
he will take	dia akan mengambil
we will speak	kita akan berbicara
we will write	kita akan menulis
we will drive	kami akan mengendarai
we will love	kami akan mencintai
we will give	kami akan memberikan
we will smile	kita akan tersenyum
we will take	kami akan mengambil
Present	Sekarang
I speak	Aku berbicara
I write	Aku menulis
I drive	saya mengendarai
I love	saya mencintai
I give	Aku memberikan
I smile	Aku tersenyum
I take	Aku mengambil
he speaks	ia berbicara
he writes	ia menulis
he drives	dia mengendarai
he loves	dia mencintai
he gives	ia memberikan
he smiles	dia tersenyum
he takes	ia mengambil
we speak	kita berbicara
we write	kita menulis
we drive	kita mengendarai
we love	kita mencintai
we give	kita berikan
we smile	kita tersenyum
we take	kita

Notice the structure of the Verbs in Indonesian.

## List of Verbs in Indonesian

Below is a list of the conjugated Verbs in the present past and future in Indonesian placed in a table. Memorizing this table will help you add very useful and important words to your Indonesian vocabulary.

English Verbs	Indonesian Verbs
I can accept that	Saya bisa menerima bahwa
she added it	dia menambahkan hal itu
we admit it	kita mengakuinya
they advised him	mereka menasihatinya
I can agree with that	Saya bisa setuju dengan itu
she allows it	ia memungkinkannya
we announce it	kami mengumukannya
I can apologize	Aku bisa minta maaf
she appears today	dia muncul hari ini
they arranged that	mereka mengatur bahwa
I can arrive tomorrow	Aku bisa tiba besok
she can ask him	dia bisa memintanya
she attaches that	ia melekat bahwa
we attack them	kami menyerang mereka
they avoid her	mereka menghindarinya
I can bake it	saya bisa memanggangnya
she is like him	dia seperti dia
we beat it	kami mengalahkan
they became happy	mereka menjadi bahagia
I can begin that	Aku bisa memulai bahwa
we borrowed money	kita meminjam uang
they breathe air	mereka menghirup udara
I can bring it	Aku bisa membawanya
I can build that	Aku dapat membangun bahwa
she buys food	ia membeli makanan
we calculate it	kami menghitungnya
they carry it	mereka membawanya
they don't cheat	mereka tidak menipu
she chooses him	dia memilih dia
we close it	kami tutup
he comes here	dia datang ke sini
I can compare that	Aku dapat membandingkan
she competes with me	dia bersaing dengan saya
we complain about it	kita mengeluh tentang hal itu
they continued reading	mereka terus membaca
he cried about that	ia berteriak tentang itu
I can decide now	Aku bisa memutuskan sekarang
she described it to me	ia menjelaskan padaku
we disagree about it	kita tidak setuju tentang hal itu
they disappeared quickly	mereka menghilang dengan cepat
I discovered that	Saya menemukan bahwa
she dislikes that	ia tidak suka bahwa
we do it	kita melakukannya
they dream about it	mereka bermimpi tentang itu
I earned	Aku diterima
he eats a lot	ia makan banyak
we enjoyed that	kami menikmatinya bahwa
they entered here	mereka masuk sini
he escaped that	ia melarikan diri bahwa
I can explain that	Saya bisa menjelaskan bahwa
she feels that too	ia merasa demikian juga
we fled from there	kami melarikan diri dari sana
they will fly tomorrow	mereka akan terbang besok
I can follow you	Aku bisa mengikuti Anda
she forgot me	ia melupakan saya
we forgive him	kita memaafkannya
I can give her that	Aku bisa memberinya bahwa
she goes there	dia pergi ke sana
we greeted them	kami menyambut mereka
I hate that	Aku benci
I can hear it	Aku bisa mendengarnya
she imagine that	dia membayangkan bahwa
we invited them	kami mengundang mereka
I know him	Aku tahu dia
she learned it	dia belajar itu
we leave now	kita berangkat sekarang
they lied about him	mereka berbohong tentang dia
I can listen to that	Aku bisa mendengarkan bahwa
she lost that	ia kehilangan
we made it yesterday	kami melakukannya kemarin
they met him	mereka bertemu dengannya
I misspell that	saya salah mengeja bahwa
I always pray	Aku selalu berdoa
she prefers that	ia lebih suka
we protected them	kita melindungi mereka
they will punish her	mereka akan menghukumnya
I can put it there	Aku dapat menaruhnya di sana
she will read it	dia akan membacanya
we received that	kami menerima bahwa
they refuse to talk	mereka menolak untuk berbicara
I remember that	Aku ingat bahwa
she repeats that	ia mengulangi lagi bahwa
we see it	kita melihatnya
they sell it	mereka menjualnya
I sent that yesterday	Aku mengirim kemarin
he shaved his beard	ia mencukur jenggot
it shrunk quickly	itu menyusut dengan cepat
we will sing it	kami akan menyanyikannya
they sat there	mereka duduk di sana
I can speak it	Saya bisa berbicara itu
she spends money	ia menghabiskan uang
we suffered from that	kami menderita dari yang
they suggest that	mereka berpendapat bahwa
I surprised him	saya mengejutkannya
she took that	ia mengambil yang
we teach it	kita mengajarkan
they told us	mereka mengatakan kepada kami
she thanked him	ia mengucapkan terima kasih
I can think about it	Saya bisa berpikir tentang hal ini
she threw it	ia melemparkannya
we understand that	kami memahami bahwa
they want that	mereka ingin bahwa
I can wear it	Saya bisa memakainya
she writes that	ia menulis bahwa
we talk about it	kita membicarakan hal ini
they have it	mereka memilikinya
I watched it	Aku menontonnya
I will talk about it	Aku akan membicarakannya
he bought that yesterday	dia beli kemarin
we finished it	kami selesai itu

Verbs in the present past and future tense have a very important role in Indonesian . Once you're done with the Bahasa Indonesia Verbs, you might want to check the rest of our Indonesian lessons here: [Learn Indonesian](#). Don't forget to **bookmark** this page.

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